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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: FRONT LINE PRESSURE ON SWAPO

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1. WE LEARNED FROM USUN THAT UK HIGH COMMISSIONER FALLE
WILL BE CALLING ON GARBA APRIL 13 AND IN ADDITION TO DIS-
CUSSING RHODESIA, WILL MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS REGARDING
NAMIBIA:

-- WE APPRECIATE NIGERIA'S UNCEASING EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF A PEACEFUL, INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA. WITHOUT YOUR INTEREST AND SUPPORT AND THAT OF THE LEADERS OF THE FRONT LINE STATES WE COULD NOT HAVE MADE THE PROGRESS WE HAVE NOR WOULD WE BE AS NEAR TO A SOLUTION AS WE NOURE.

-- AS YOU NO THE WESTERN CONTACT GROUP TRANSMITTED COPIES OF ITS REVISED PROPOSAL TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 10 AND ARE PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL BASED ON THE PROPOSALS. THE FIVE TOOK THIS STEP, WHICH HAS THE EFFECT OF MAKING OF THEIR PROPOSAL A PUBLIC DOCUMENT, BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED THAT THERE IS A REAL NEED FOR PROMPT MOVEMENT TOWARDS

A SETTLEMENT.

-- HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT PRESIDENT NUJOMASEEMS TO BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO CARRY ON NEGOTIATIONS ON CERTAIN POINTS.

-- AS YOU WILL RECALL, IT IS CLEAR THAT WE CANNOT MEET SWAPO'S CONCERN DUE TO THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION, WHICH WE CANNOT AVOID CONSIDERING, WHICH FIND SOUTH AFRICA IN FULL CONTROL OF NAMIBIA DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE REGARD SOUTH AFRICA'S PRESENCE THERE AS ILLEGAL.
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-- WE MUST VIEW THE SITUATION AS A WHOLE AND FIVE'S PROPOSAL, IF IT IS TO SUCCEED, MUST ADDRESS THE SITUATION FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW.

-- WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE LIKELY TO LEAD TO ENHANCED PROSPECTS FOR A SETTLEMENT. INSTEAD, FURTHER DELAY IS LIKELY TO RESULT IN A DETERIORATING SITUATION.

-- WE HOPE THAT WE ARE IN AGREEMENT ON THESE ASPECTS OF THE NAMIBIA SITUATION AND THAT YOU WILL IMPRESS UPON NUJOMA THAT SWAPO'S INTERESTS AND THOSE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE WOULD BE WELL SERVED BY HIS RAPID AND COMPLETE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL.

2. YOU SHOULD COMPARE NOTES WITH FALLE AND YOURSELF FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO REINFORCE HIS COMMENTS ALONG SIMILAR LINES. IN THAT CONNECTION, AND WITHOUT TELLING FALLE THAT YOU INTEND DOING SO, YOU SHOULD DETERMINE WHETHER THE NIGERIANS HAVE PASSED TO SWAPO U.S. ASSURANCES ON WALVIS BAY STATED BY THE SECRETARY AT APRIL 2 MEETING. CHRISTOPHER

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